

November 2009  
CALENDAR



American Association of University Women  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH  
NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2009

BRANCH MEETING

Thurs, Nov 5 — Astor Hotel  
Social 5:15 pm Suite 202  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Program 7 pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, Nov 5—4 pm  
Astor Hotel — Suite 202

FOURTH FRIDAY BRIDGE

Fri, Nov 27 at 11:45 am  
We meet at St John's,  
1840 N Prospect Ave  
for luncheon & cards.  
Come and join us.  
New members are  
always welcome.  
For reservations, call  
Mildred Setright, 414-962-7119

GIRLS' CLUB FUND BOARD

Thurs, Nov 19 — 10:00 am  
Astor Hotel — Suite 202

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, Nov 17 — 1:00 pm  
Astor Hotel — Suite 202  
Details on page 4

SUNSHINE

When you know of an AAUW member's need for a little sunshine—illness, accident, cheering up, loss of a loved one—we would like to express our concern and support.

Please contact me.  
Patricia Sheldrick  
414-258-2967  
[pshel102@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pshel102@sbcglobal.net)

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*The Long Term Impact of Media Coverage  
Of the 1995 Simpson Criminal Trial*

Jerriane Hayslett, Presenter

Jerriane Hayslett is an author, media and community-relations consultant, former court information officer and former newspaper journalist. In those capacities, she has gained extensive experience with courts and the news media on courtroom camera coverage and many other issues of mutual concern.

Her book, Anatomy of a Trial: Public Loss, Lessons Learned From The People vs. O.J. Simpson published by University of Missouri Press, shows the long-term impact media coverage of the 1995 Simpson criminal trial has had on the judiciary in both the United States and other countries and on public perception of the court system. The book also offers a blueprint for how the courts and media can coordinate in the best interest of the public.

Jerriane's articles, including "Court Transparency in the Former Yugoslavia" and "Florida Judge Shouldn't be Courtroom Cameras' Poster Child," have appeared in the American Bar Association's The Judges' Journal, the National Association for Court Management's Court Manager,

the National Judicial College's NJC Alumni, the California Judges Association's THE BENCH, California Lawyer, and California County magazines.



Consulting projects have taken her to Indonesia and the Balkans where she worked on improving public access to courts, conducted media training for judges and prosecutors, and held seminars for journalists on covering the courts.

Jerriane developed a public information component for the Belgrade, Serbia, District Court's War Crimes and Organized Crime departments and has assisted courts with numerous high-profile cases, including those involving Michael Jackson, O. J. Simpson, the Green River murders, the Menendez brothers, and the Rodney King beating.

**COST OF THE LUNCHEON \$15.00**

RESERVATIONS CLOSE **OCTOBER 27 AT 1:00 pm** CALL 276-6820

**R**eservations ONLY – please NO walk-in surprises. If you make a reservation, and do not cancel by the date reservations, you are responsible for the cost of the meal.

**M**embers are always welcome to attend JUST the program. Come to the Astor dining room at the time the program is scheduled.

Please inform us if you or your guest is a vegetarian or allergic to any foods.

**G**uests and prospective members are always welcome.

## President's Message ~ Benita Clark



November is the time when we express our gratefulness for the many blessings that have come our way. Are you aware of the treasures that decorate our beautiful suite here at the Astor Hotel? The antique furniture and most of what you see we were able to bring along with us when we moved from the huge building on Marshall Street. Among these decorative pieces is a white

Carrara marble head of a lovely young woman labeled "Laura" displayed on a black marble pedestal. Laura dominates the corner of the dinette area between an antique Victorian couch and matching slipper chair.

### Damage to Suite and Some of Our Antiques

On September 17 Kathe Bogdan and I were shocked to discover that we were standing on a soggy carpet in front of Laura. The ceiling had fallen with a cascade of water from the flooded apartment upstairs right on top of Laura, the couch and the chair! Mary O'Sullivan, the hotel manager, Nancy Nohl, our House Chair, and Sharon Lynch, our own expert on antiques were immediately notified.

In a matter of hours Nancy and Sharon sprung into action with polishing cloth and special furniture oil. Water was pumped out of the damaged furniture and carpet.

The carpet in the dinette area was replaced, and our beautiful Laura has been carefully examined for water damage, wrapped, and taken to the David Barnett Gallery for any restoration which might be needed. The slipper chair will have to be reupholstered.

The Hotel staff have been most cooperative in restoring and painting the ceiling and replacing the carpet. Nancy and Sharon have given and are still giving a lot of their precious time and talent to this unplanned

restoration project. Our grateful thanks go out to these two generous AAUW women, who were there when we really needed them --Nancy and Sharon.

### Please Note Change in Board Meeting

You will notice that we have changed the Board of Directors meetings to the hour before the Saturday morning and Thursday evening Branch meetings. This change was made primarily to accommodate the working women on the Board. However, having both the Board meeting and the Branch meeting on the same day does free up more time for everyone. This year we have scheduled three weekday evening Branch meetings (Nov 5, Feb 4 and April 8) with the intention of accommodating persons who aren't able to easily give up their busy Saturdays.

### Website Updated

Thanks to the efforts of former Web coordinator, Mary Fiedler, our AAUW Milwaukee Branch website is updated. Take a look at it—<http://aauw-wi.org/branches/milwaukee>. I believe that it's one of the best and most informative AAUW websites in the state of Wisconsin. Thank you, Mary.

### PEARLS for Teen Girls is Our Special Charity

Be aware that PEARLS for Teen Girls is our main charity of the year besides our generous scholarship giveaway in the spring. If any member is interested in mentoring young girls, PEARLS for Teen Girls is a great charity in which to be involved. PEARLS serves at-risk middle and high school girls in 20 locations in the Milwaukee area. The organization's main objective is to work one-on-one to maximize positive self development of girls.

At our December holiday party all our members are encouraged to bring a typical Christmas gift for a teenage girl. Thank you in advance for your generous spirit. PEARLS is located at 2100 N. Palmer St. Milwaukee Phone: 414-265-7555.

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# October Photo Gallery

Photos courtesy of Mary Fiedler



Member Susan Giaimo (on left and on left) was the speaker for the October Branch Meeting. In the left photo she is with her mother, member Marilyn Giaimo, and on right with member Sophia Strelka.



Recording Secretary Mary Fiedler and guest, Yve Jones.



Treasurer Michelle Prosek and scholarship committee member Jan Lynch.



Barb Streiff and Lorell Johnson, both members of the Scholarship Committee.



Carole Montgomery offers a hand.



## WOMEN'S COURT & CIVIC CONFERENCE OF THE GREATER MILWAUKEE AREA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 PROGRAMS  
Italian Community Center

10 am—Business Meeting

10:15—PROGRAM: "REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF INFANT MORTALITY"

Speaker: Latrice Buck, Manager, Women's Center, and Bevan K. Baker, Commissioner, City of Milwaukee Health Department.

12 Noon—Luncheon

1 pm—PROGRAM: "THE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF PANDEMICS, SPECIFICALLY H1N1"

Speaker: Angie Hagy, Chief Epidemiologist, City of Milwaukee Health Department.

Cost is \$20. Contact the AAUW Branch office for more information if you would like to attend.



## Holiday Celebration at the Woman's Club

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12 when the Branch will celebrate the Holidays with a luncheon and program by Mr. R. Roberts and the Milwaukee High School for the Arts Vocal Jazz Group. This promises to be a memorable program and as always, the Woman's Club at 813 East Kilbourn Ave provides a breathtakingly beautiful background for our gathering.



## Milwaukee Branch

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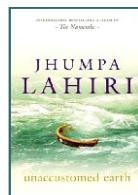
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## Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 to discuss [Unaccustomed Earth](#) by Jhumpa Lahiri. Ann Hirst is the discussion leader. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion.

Excerpted from [Random House.Com](#). From the internationally best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, a superbly crafted new work of fiction: eight stories—longer and more emotionally complex than any she has yet written—that take us from Cambridge and Seattle to India and Thailand as they enter the lives of sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, friends and lovers.



[Unaccustomed Earth](#) is rich with Jhumpa Lahiri's signature gifts: exquisite prose, emotional wisdom, and subtle renderings of the most intricate workings of the heart and mind. It is a masterful, dazzling work of a writer at the peak of her powers.

## Women's Role in the National Parks

A Report from Marcia Zientek, Public Policy Chair

I was fascinated by Ken Burns' "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" on PBS. The series brought to light the importance some women played in establishing our National Parks system

Even before they had suffrage women campaigned to include Mesa Verde National Park in the national park system. There was quite a bit of controversy between two groups of women: Virginia McClurg's group wanted state control; Lucy Peabody ardently supported the national park idea, which eventually succeeded.

Despite the wrangling, women had laid the foundation for Mesa Verde National Park and could be justly proud of what they had set in motion. From their first interest in the idea to the final battle, they stood in the vanguard, never retreating. The park they created brought with it a multitude of blessings, including the Antiquities Act, a new interest in archaeology, increased public awareness of the non-European past of North America, and the creation of four

archaeological national monuments (Chaco Canyon, Bandelier, Hovenweep, and Aztec Ruins) in the Four Corners area in less than twenty years.

Early on, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, while working as a columnist for the Miami Herald, took on the fight for feminism, racial justice, and conservation long before these causes became popular. She recognized that the Everglades was a system which depended not only on the flow of water from Lake Okeechobee into the park, but also upon the Kissimmee River which feeds the lake. To add a voting constituency to her efforts, in 1970 she formed the Friends of the Everglades. She wrote numerous books up to her death at age 108, including *The Everglades: River of Grass*, published in 1947, the year Everglades National Park was established. Marjory Stoneman Douglas was posthumously inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame on October 7, 2000, her memorial and legacy will be our preservation of her dream - for us and our children and our children's children.

## A Request from Yolanda White, Publicity VP

Members! Your voice matters! The Publicity Committee is preparing to share the word!

Please answer the questions below and send them via email to my attention at [aauwmilbr@milwpc.com](mailto:aauwmilbr@milwpc.com) or by mail to the office or call and leave a message at 414-276-6820.

1. Think back to when you joined AAUW-Milwaukee Branch...why did you join?

2. Why, even in difficult financial times, do you continue your membership?

3. Do you feel as though you help make a difference in the lives of women and girls?

4. What is your favorite "perk" of membership?

5. How has membership changed your life or the life of someone you know?